

AMERICAN LEAGUE MOVES TO CHECK HOME RUN HITTING

SUGGESTS ZONE PLAN TO CURB EASY SWATS

Moguls Also Want to Bar Pop Bottles From Game.

FEW DEALS REPORTED

Browns Purchase Thurston for \$15,000 From St. Louis City—Kerr Not Yet an Applicant for Reinstatement.

[By Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The American League at its annual meeting today took action to check what it regarded as two detrimental to the national game—home run hitting and pop bottle throwing.

The owners recommended to the joint rules committee representing both the American and National leagues, that home run zones be established in the outfield to curb the abnormal growth of circuit hitting, and urged that steps be taken to regulate the sale of soft drinks so that fans no longer would be tempted to use the bottles as missiles.

The league, which closed its season today also voted to open the season Wednesday, April 18, and decided to establish a fund of \$10,000 to aid disabled ball players or their families by setting aside \$10,000 annually for five years beginning in 1923, from the American League's share of the world's series receipts.

Adjustment of opening dates with the National League which yesterday decided to start the season April 17 was left to the joint schedule committee with the understanding, it was said, that the older organization would agree to April 15, as a starting date.

The action designed to curb home run hitting was the result of a decision of the majority of club owners that the increased heavy hitting was a detriment to the popularity of the game. While details of the zoning plan will be left to the rules committee, it was the general opinion that a minimum distance of 300 feet be established, outside of which home runs would be allowed, in parks where short fences or stands abutting on the playing field afforded easy marks for hits.

Col. Jacob Ruppert, Yankee owner, was understood to have opposed the zoning scheme, which among others would have a marked effect on the home run achievements of Babe Ruth, who established the individual high mark for all time in 1921 with fifty-nine homers. The peak in league home run records was reached last year when batsmen in the two leagues collected 1,054 circuit blows, more than 100 in excess of the best previous year.

Discussion of player deals throughout the day in American League circles centered around the reported list of the New York Yankees to trade Bob Meusel, Alex Verdell and a pitcher to the Chicago White Sox for Eddie Collins and Dick Kerr, but late in the day, officials of both clubs said the deal still in the air.

It was generally reported that the deal hinged upon the possibility of Kerr, who failed to report last spring to the White Sox being reinstated by Commissioner Landis for the 1923 season, but Mr. Landis declared he had received no application from Kerr, and that so far nothing had been done in the pitcher's behalf. The commissioner pointed out that if Kerr had played against ineligible players the past season he would be obliged, under league rules to remain inactive another year before possible reinstatement. It was suggested that early reinstatement might be influenced by Kerr's previous good record and the fact that in the 1919 world's series, which was alleged to have been thrown to Cincinnati by a group of White Sox players later barred from the game, he won two games for the Chicago team by brilliant pitching.

One important deal announced as consummated was the purchase by the St. Louis Browns for \$15,000, of Hollis Thurston, right-handed pitcher of the Salt Lake City Club of the Pacific Coast League.

Frank J. Navin, president of the Detroit Club, was re-elected vice-president. President R. B. Johnson retains office under a twenty-year term, to which he was elected in 1910.

GRAYSON COUNTY MAN DIES IN CAR ACCIDENT

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

PULASKI, Va., Dec. 13.—Wilburn Ayers, 30, was instantly killed Monday, near Fries Junction, Grayson county, when the car he was driving suddenly stopped on a steep hill and started back down, striking a stump and turning over. He was caught underneath and had his neck and back broken. He was driving alone. He leaves a widow. He was in overseas service during the World War.

PRESIDENT HARDING GRATIFIED AT AMERICAN RED CROSS WORK

Formally Opens Annual Meeting of Directors by Praising Organization for Service It Rendered Nation During Last Year.

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—President Harding formally opened the annual meeting of directors of the American Red Cross today with a short address expressing his gratification over the work of the organization during the last year.

The President predicted that with the awakening of the conscience of mankind and the progress of civilization, there will be less and less for institutions of charity to do, but added he rejoiced as an American that there is an organization like the Red Cross "ready and willing to serve."

Societies Answer Criticism.
The work of the Red Cross, the President declared, was an answer to those who have said that America is doing nothing for the rest of the world. He asserted that the American government and people are "giving the best that is in us" by exerting an influence everywhere "to protect the interests of humanity."

Mr. Harding spoke in the capacity as president of the Red Cross, a position he said he was happy to occupy. "How gratified I was one afternoon some weeks ago," he said in speaking of the work of the organization, "when the urgency of the Near East was pressing and I asked of the executive officer, the chairman of this organization, I said to him: 'There is urgent need of relief. What can the Red Cross do?' and without preliminary words or without any delay, Mr. Payne said: 'We are ready to serve.'"

Organization Quick to Respond.
"Instantly to that difficulty and trying situation, the American Red Cross made its influence and its capacity to serve, its readiness to serve, evident."

"Nothing has been more gratifying to me in my experience as President than that little incident. Of course, I think that in the awakened consciousness of mankind, in the renewed commitments to higher ideals, better fellowships and manifestations of our bested civilization, there will be less to do along the lines which you have followed in the Red Cross work. I wish there were always less tasks to perform, but somehow or other it is the fortune of civilization always to have these duties to perform and I rejoice as an American and as a witness of the present-day consciousness that we have such an organization as the American Red Cross, which is ready to serve."

"I believe that in consciousness of willingness and readiness comes the great compensation for the time, energy and support and soul which you give to the work of the organization."

Did Fine Work During Year.
"I like to tell men who are crying out that the American government is not giving all its attention to world affairs, that not only is the government giving of its influence to protect human interest everywhere in the world, but this expression of American influence, the capacity to serve, is giving the best that is in us."

"You have done fine work. You will be called upon to do more."

Other speakers at the meeting were Vice-President Coolidge, Robert W. DeForest, of New York, vice-president of the society, who presided; John Barton Payne, national chairman, and Miss Mahal T. Boardman, secretary, since its incorporation by Congress. Officers were unanimously re-elected, and at a meeting of the central committee, a resolution was adopted approving the organization's present program. The committee's declaration called for priority in carrying out the program for the needs of disabled former service men and preparedness for disaster relief.

Mrs. Henry P. Davison, of Louisa Valley, N. Y., widow of the chairman of the Red Cross war council, was elected to succeed him as a member of the board at the annual meeting of the incorporators, and the chapter delegates selected her to replace him on the central committee, to which Herbert Hoover also was elected, succeeding Charles D. Norton, of New York, who declined reelection. The vacancy on the board of incorporators caused by the death of Thomas Nelson Page, was filled by Mrs. Charles Scott, Jr., of Philadelphia.

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Danville Tobacco Glut Clears.
DANVILLE, Va., Dec. 13.—The tobacco glut here was cleared up this afternoon. Yesterday more piles of tobacco were sold on the auction floors than on any one day previous in the market's history. It is believed that there will be no further glut on the market, and that the heaviest sales have been experienced for the season. It is estimated by tobacco men that Danville will have sold at the end of the season between 30,000,000 and 35,000,000 pounds of leaf. Probably 60 per cent of the crop has been disposed of.

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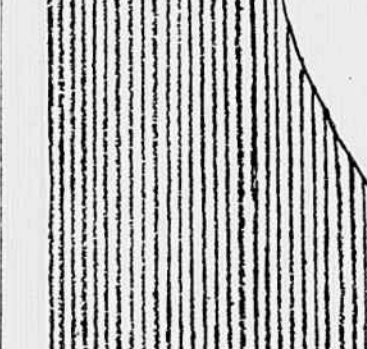
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Acting Chairman Forward announced that the case was barred by limitation and would be dismissed. The colored secretary held his ground. "Could you gentlemen," he pleaded, "tell me how we can get rid of the president?" He was advised to consult Clerk R. T. Wilson.

CHILD TELLS ISMET MINORITIES MUST BE MADE SAFE

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In Constantinople since October 30, 1918. Furthermore, an accord in principle was reached that individuals would be indemnified for losses suffered by change of residence, whether they were Greeks or Turks.

The conclusion drawn from the meeting was that the Greeks actually forced to leave Constantinople will be few.

Will Give Armenians No Home.
A refusal by Turkey at this morning's session of the Near East conference to accede to the demand for

a national home for the Armenians or international regulation of the rights of the minorities in Turkey brought a sharp warning to the Angora delegation from Marquis Curzon, head of the British delegation, who told the Turkish delegation that its persistent imposition of barriers to a satisfactory settlement of the minorities problem was having a bad effect on the conference and the entire world.

"When we leave Lausanne—and it may be we shall leave sooner than you think—when the world hears that the allied powers have been fighting the battles of the minorities and getting nothing but platitudes in return, the general impression will be deplorable for Turkey," said Lord Curzon.

"Do not let us darken this scene by charges and countercharges of horrors. We wish to obtain a solution for the future."

Regrets Proposed Exchange.
"I deeply regret this proposal for the exchange of populations—this bad and vicious solution for which the world will pay for a hundred years to come."

"It is perfectly clear that the

Turks wish to rid themselves of the Greeks or to make their conditions of life in Turkey cruel and impossible. Reviewing Ismet Pasha's address, Lord Curzon said the Turks had rejected practically all the suggestions made to them.

"I implore the Turks not to take refuge in words," he continued. "I urge upon them to cooperate with the powers in an effort to bring about a solution of this tangled problem."

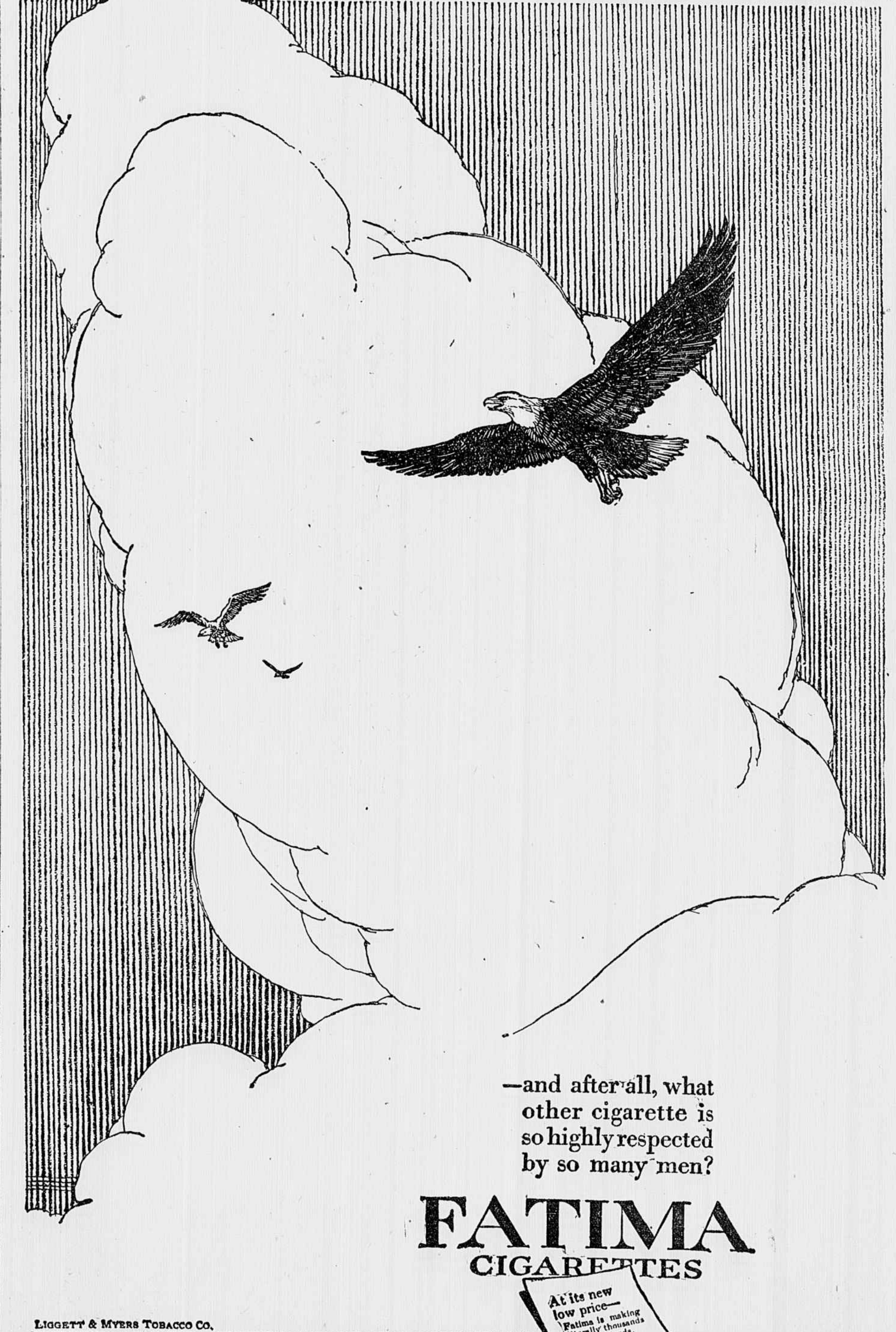
In his declaration regarding the Armenians, Ismet said there was not a bit of territory in Turkey proper or in its provinces or in Cilicia which did not contain a Turkish majority and no territory which could be detached in any way from the fatherland for the Armenians.

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